

NATIONAL ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS ADVOCACY PANEL

Summary of funding decisions made by the Panel during March 2008

1. Application 298: Major Energy Users Inc (EMRF, ECCSA, EUCV & MEG Tasmania) - NEM Rule change proposal to mitigate the exercise of generator market power

The application was deferred while the Panel sought information from the AEMC and the AER on their procedures and from the EUAA on its review of high generation prices in the NEM.
2. Application 276: Energy Users Association of Australia - National transmission planner review by AEMC

It was agreed that unexpended budget on this project be used the purposes of responses to the draft and final reports on the National Transmission Planner; and responses to the draft and final reports on the National Framework for Electricity Transmission Reliability Standards.
3. Application 289: Energy Users Association of Australia – AEMC review of demand side participation

It was agreed that the approval for funding previously given by the Panel be increased by \$12,000 excl GST. The Panel noted that the budget for this project will now exceed the level at which competitive tenders needs to be sought by the applicant. In the exceptional circumstances of this particular application, the Panel will not require a competitive tender.
4. Advocacy/capacity building projects for 2008/2009
 - a. Application 296: Public Interest Advocacy Centre
 - b. Application 297: Ethnic Communities Council

The applications for funding were rejected on the grounds that no new advocacy/capacity building projects will be approved prior to the Panel receiving advice and coming to a view on any gaps and overlaps in advocacy on behalf of end-users and on the most effective approach to undertaking advocacy/capacity building projects;
 - c. Application 299: Consumer Action Law Centre

The application was approved for funding of \$146,148 excl GST subject to the condition that the AEMC approves the 2008/2009 budget submitted to it by the Panel.
 - d. Application 300: Australian Council of Social Service

The application was approved for funding of \$113,673 excl GST subject to the condition that the AEMC approves the 2008/2009 budget submitted to it by the Panel.
 - e. Application 301: Griffith University Centre for Credit and Consumer Law

The application was approved for funding of \$127,440 excl GST subject to the condition that the AEMC approves the 2008/2009 budget submitted to it by the Panel.
 - f. Application 302: Alternative Technology Association

The application was approved for funding of \$52,564 excl GST subject to the condition that the AEMC approves the 2008/2009 budget submitted to it by the Panel.

g. Application 303: Total Environment Centre

The application was approved for funding of \$73,660 excl GST subject to the condition that the AEMC approves the 2008/2009 budget submitted to it by the Panel.

h. Application 304: Energy Users Association of Australia

The application was approved for funding of \$146,538 excl GST subject to the condition that the AEMC approves the 2008/2009 budget submitted to it by the Panel.

i. Application 306: Tasmanian Council of Social Service

The application was approved for funding of \$36,934 excl GST subject to the condition that the AEMC approves the 2008/2009 budget submitted to it by the Panel.

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